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## SCARED BY JOURNAL'S SUIT, RAMAPO GRABBERS RUSH A REPRESENTATIVE TO ALBANY FOR AID.

The Vigilance Mass Meeting Hailed with Hearty Approbation by a Multitude of Citizens.

William C. Whitney and William Astor Chanler Add Their Names to the Remarkable List of Protestants Against the \$200,000,000 Grab.

ARRANGEMENTS for the demonstration of citizens called by the Journal's Vigilance Committee, to meet in Cooper Union on Wednesday evening next, were completed yesterday. The mass meeting will be one of the largest and most influential ever held.



Lauterbach Hunts the Attorney-General in Vain and Has a Conference with Lou Payn.

President Dutcher, Served with Papers in the Journal's Suit, Hastens to Make Public a Specious Plea in Defence of the Grab.

THE Journal's axe struck home. There was hurry and worry yesterday among the leaders in the Ramapo deal. They were casting about for some means of averting the destruction of their grab corporation.

Here Are Some of the Prominent Men Who Are Working With the Journal to Prevent the Water Steal.

if anything can be judged from the telegrams and messages received by the Journal from New Yorkers whose indignation has been aroused by the most infamous attempt ever made to loot the treasury of a great city.

William C. Whitney, the veteran Democrat, the man who started building the navy that whipped Montezuma and Cervera, joined the Vigilance Committee yesterday. He telegraphed from Roslyn, L. I., an expression of his pleasure at having an opportunity to associate himself with the movement. In all probability he will be able to attend the gathering and perhaps he will address it.

William Astor Chanler telegraphed: "I shall be very glad to have my name added to the committee to defeat the Ramapo scheme."

Gerson Siegel, the dry goods merchant, member of the immense Siegel-Cooper establishment, who is resting in the Catskill Mountains after a long siege of business, is so impressed with the necessity of defeating the steal that he will make a special trip to the city on Wednesday to attend and address the mass meeting. X1210

Comptroller Coler yesterday repeated his satisfaction at the composition of the committee. He declared that with such men ready to enter the field and fight there was every hope that the Ramapo conspirators will be defeated. He did not think that any other public institution except the Journal could have organized a vigilance committee of such prominence and influence.

So far every interest is represented upon the Vigilance Committee. It contains the names of millionaires and of those who toil for wages, of men grown gray in lives of honorable effort and of those who have just entered upon a business career in the flush of youth. There are on the committee Democrats and Republicans of every

### THE CALL OF THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

Place—Cooper Union. Time—Wednesday Evening, August 30.

To the Citizens of Greater New York:

Our city is threatened by a conspiracy to take from the public treasury \$200,000,000 in annual instalments of \$5,000,000 for forty years.

The attempt of the Ramapo Water Company, by the aid of corrupt politicians of both parties, to steal this vast sum is a grave public menace. It calls for instant and emphatic public action.

To devise means to defeat this conspiracy a Vigilance Committee of citizens has been formed under the auspices and at the suggestion of the New York Journal.

This Vigilance Committee calls upon the people to gather in mass meeting at COOPER UNION ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 30, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, to confer for the purpose of defeating the conspiracy and of making any similar conspiracy impossible in the future.

shade of political opinion, who will gather upon one platform irrespective of political belief, intent only upon saving their city from the hands of thieves.

The programme of the meeting, which will be announced in a few days, will include the best speakers in New York. There will be music besides the speeches and many features to interest those who attend.

Edward Lauterbach, most brilliant and most potent of the water company's counsel, hurried to Albany to see Attorney-General Davies, before whom the Journal's action to dissolve the Ramapo charter will come up for a hearing on August 30.

Failing to find the Attorney-General, Mr. Lauterbach took counsel with Lou Payn and others interested in water deals.

While Lauterbach was crying "Help!" in Albany the papers in the Journal's action were served upon Silas P. Dutcher, the Ramapo president.

He hastened forthwith to distribute printed copies of a carefully devised argument defending the steal.

Commissioner Dalton's quarterly report, showing that the Croton water supply is greater than the city's needs, was made public yesterday. It is a direct contradiction of the report he signed in behalf of the Ramapo grab, and knocks the last leg from under the scheme he voted for. Dalton had left town yesterday afternoon.

Justice Gaynor, at Great Barrington, Mass., says the "water-grab" section in the charter does leave a loophole for such steals as that which Holahan is engineering.

Colonel Ashley W. Cole, who was private secretary to Governor Morton when the Ramapo bill was passed, said yesterday that there was no hearing on the bill, but that General Tracy, then president of the Ramapo Company and also of the Charter Commission, "either wrote a letter or spoke to the Governor about it."

ALBANY, Aug. 25.—Quick results came of the Journal's proceeding to kill the Ramapo Water Company.

Edward Lauterbach hurried to Albany, and all day was engaged in efforts tending to defeat the Journal's motion to be heard.